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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/8/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.
06/08/2022	Initial Licensing Study	N/A	
			Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
			Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
			Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 7, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on June 8, 2022. The exit conference was conducted on June 15, 2022 at 5:00pm with the Provider. Permission to Operate License was not issued on this date due to fencing requirements not being met. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Billie Walker, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed. Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that materials are rotated out to avoid clutter.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib.

Comment

Two (2) of two (2) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in September 2011 and in October 2011. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Provider during the inspection visit.

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed one mattress that had a tear in the corner and the foam was showing. Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that only one crib be used if a new mattress is not obtained when permission to operate is granted.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property. Per the Provider, no swimming activities are provided.

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

No children enrolled. Provider will be using state provided forms.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed the importance of having Parental Authorizations on file.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Per the Provider, there are no fire arms kept in the home.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Technical Assistance****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the following items in the home were not clean and free from hazards: ceiling fan in the child care area was observed to have excessive dust; floors in the kitchen and in the hallway leading to the children's bathroom were observed to have dirt and clutter; kitchen counters were observed to have a sticky substance on them, there was a bottle of Fabuloso all-purpose cleaner on the counter, and the counters were also observed to be cluttered. Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that the home is clean and free from hazards and odors.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed the following items that needed to be cleaned in the home: ceiling fan in the child care area was observed to have excessive dust; floors in the kitchen and hallway leading to the children's bathroom needed to be swept and have dirt picked up; kitchen counters needed to be cleaned; and Fabuloso all-purpose cleaner was observed on the kitchen counter. Consultant also discussed with the Provider ensuring that trash be taken out daily to ensure that the home is free from odors and potential rodents and roaches. Consultant reminded the Provider to ensure that the home is kept clean and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as broken rakes, sharp tree stumps, and tree roots.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2022

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the Provider did not have a four-foot high fence all around the playground area in the front of the house. The fence measured at 3.5 feet in height in multiple areas which is less than the required four-foot height. Consultant also observed potential entrapment hazards that measure over 3.5 inches under the ramp that leads to the kitchen as well as under the front gate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2022

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that the trash containers be emptied and cleaned daily and ensuring that outdoor areas around containers shall be kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that toilet potty chairs shall after each use be emptied by disposal in a flush toilet, cleaned with a disinfectant, and stored in the bathroom.

Comment

The Provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Provider on this date.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the Provider.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional Consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Two Criminal Records Checks were submitted to the Department, one for the Provider, and one for the Provider's adult son. Both records were observed to have Comprehensive Satisfactory Criminal Background Check Determination Letters.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the Provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Pre-Service training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.